



SPRINGFIELD ART MUSEUM

January - February 2012

N E W S L E T T E R

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Hours:

Tuesday- Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Thursday: 9:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.; Friday - Saturday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 1:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. Closed Monday, City of Springfield and national holidays. The Museum is conveniently located just west of the intersection of National Avenue and Bennett Street in the south-central part of the city.



Springfield Art Museum

1111 East Brookside Drive
Springfield, Missouri 65807
417-837-5700.

On the Web at <http://www.springfieldmo.gov/art>

Mission Statement

The Springfield Art Museum is dedicated to enhancing the education and documenting the diverse cultural heritage of the people of southwest Missouri, through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects.

School and group tours are encouraged and may be arranged by calling the Museum two weeks in advance of a planned visit.

On the cover: *We Are All Upside Down*, *intaglio*, 2009, by Neal Ambrose-Smith. Gift of Joe and Barb Zanatta in honor of Jerry Berger.

From the Staff of Springfield Art Museum

From all of the Staff at the Springfield Art Museum, we wish you the best in 2012. We are excited and optimistic about the changes that await us in 2012 and beyond. With the aid of the Community, SMMA, FOSAM, SAM Volunteers and SAM Board Members, we are looking forward to forming more collaborations within the community. While we are moving ahead in our search for a new Director, we are also striving to make our collections and exhibitions more accessible to the public. We are researching information technology that will allow us to share our collections with scholars, artists, students and others. We are developing internships with our local Universities that will be mutually beneficial to both the

Museum and the student. We are expanding our educational programming to include a wider selection of classes and we are in the process of developing workshops and special events. There are so many positive happenings, we hope you will choose to be a part of it all.



Field Guide, *linocut*, 2010,
by Jacqueline Bishop.
Museum Acquisition Fund.



Riverside, *mezzotint and aquatint in color*, 2007, by Frederick Mershimer. Museum Acquisition Fund.



Chalen Philips Curator of Collections

Recently, the Museum purchased six prints: a 2-color lithograph, *Smoker*, by Karsten Creightney, a color monotype with collage, *Pollination*, by Emmi Whitehorse, a linocut, *Field Guide*, by Jacqueline Bishop, a color lithograph with collage, *enit*, by Wendy Red Star and two prints by Frederick Mershimer, a mezzotint, *Old Fulton*, and a mezzotint and aquatint in color, *Riverside*. Also, we are fortunate to have donors who were kind enough to contribute an excellent artwork to the collection. Joe and Barb Zanatta donated a color lithograph, *We Are All Upside Down*, by Neal Ambrose-Smith, in honor of Jerry A. Berger. We truly appreciate the donors for their generosity in donating and know that it will be appreciated by our visitors.

New exhibitions have been installed for your enjoyment. Currently on view is the *Song of the Flowers* exhibition which is a great way to admire the beauty of flowers in its many forms. It closes on the 4th of March. Another exhibition, *Series of Prints: from Callot to Warhol*, encourages you to admire works, print by print, by major American and European artists. Highlights include Andy Warhol's *Campbell Soup #1 series*, Oskar Kokoschka's *Manhattan Series*, Donald K. Sultan's *Smoke Rings*, Donald Baechler's *Increments* and Jacques Callot's *Misere de la Guerre*.

The *Celebrating Diversities in Art* exhibiton will open on the 13th of January with a reception



enit, color lithograph with collage of archival pigment, 2010, by Wendy Red Star. Museum Acquisition Fund.

generously hosted by the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum. The Friends organization has been wonderful and its members are always willing to sponsor receptions. This exhibition is based on artwork by Native Americans, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and Hispanic-Americans and will be on view through 26 February. It is a great opportunity to admire the beauty of the artists' heritages and to enjoy the richness of diversities with which this country has been blessed.

It will include works by artists such as Emmi Whitehorse, Wendy Red Star, Neal Ambrose-Smith, Renée Stout, Kara Walker and Karsten Creightney.

An exhibition that will be on view from 13 January through 11 March is *Acquisitions from 2011*. It consists of artwork added to the Permanent Collection of the Springfield Art Museum through purchases or gifts during the year of 2011. Among the artists included in

this exhibition are Philip Pearlstein, Frederick Mershimer, Gaetano LaRoche and Kawase Hasui. It is the perfect way to enjoy the bounty of 2011. As Curator of Collections, I hope to see you at the Museum and wish each one of you Happy Holidays & Happy New Year.



Smoker, 2 colors lithograph, 2001, by Karsten Creightney. Museum Acquisition Fund.

**Sarah Buhr
Curator of
Exhibitions**

**Watercolor U.S.A. Call For
Entries:**

The *Watercolor U.S.A. 2012* entry prospectus will be mailed out to artists on January 23, 2012. A downloadable entry form is available on our website at the following address: www.springfieldmo.gov/artwatercolorusa.

This year's exhibition will be judged by Miranda Lash, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Over \$40,000 in cash, merchandise, Museum and patron purchase awards will be available. The exhibit is open to U.S. artists 18 years of age and older. A maximum of two entries (slides or digital images), per artist, may be submitted.

The entry fee is \$15.00 for up to two works. Paintings must have been executed using a water-soluble pigment on paper or a paper derivative. All paintings must be original, executed since January 1, 2011, and not previously shown at the Springfield Art Museum. All entries submitted must be framed/glazed with Plexiglas and available for purchase at the time of the exhibition. **Entries must be received by 27 March 2012.** Please mail or deliver your entries to: Watercolor U.S.A. 2012, Springfield Art Museum 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Springfield, MO 65807. The exhibit will run from 9 June through 5 August 2012 with an opening reception on 8 June from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For more information contact the Museum at 417-837-5700 or WatercolorUSA@springfieldmo.gov or visit the exhibit webpage at www.springfieldmo.gov/art/watercolorusa.



Speaking of technology, check out this QR code for the **2012 Watercolor U.S. A. Entry Prospectus!** (information also available on website).



Droplets of Life, watercolor, 1999 by Sandy Meyers. Gift of Gary and Pam Cunningham.



Old Fulton, mezzotint, 2005, by Frederick Mersheimer. Museum Acquisition Fund.

Allen A. St-Onge
President
FOSAM



As expected, these past few months have been a busy time for "Friends". To begin, on the information technology front, FOSAM now has an e-mail address: "fosam_spfd@yahoo.com". Use it to contact any member of the Board, place an order for FOSAM-sponsored tickets or merchandise, ask about memberships, or make a suggestion for our website (www.artmuseumfriends-spfd.org).

Our November 18th "Prints USA" Exhibition reception was a tremendous success. Many thanks go to Linda Peacock, Michele Huntley, Marge Dowling, and the rest of our Reception Committee team. Also, thanks to Sandy Buckner, Susie Moody and a blue-eyed Canadian for their raffle prize donations which were won by Kathy Risdal, Marilyn Nolan, and Patricia Ervin. As a reminder, our next sponsored reception is for the annual "Celebrating Diversities in Art" Exhibition starting at 5:30 PM on Friday, January 13. Our Museum Reception Committee Chair, Linda Peacock, is always

looking for volunteers to help with this activity. Please contact her via e-mail fosam_spfd@yahoo.com.

Also take note of our next wine tasting evening at WineStyles, located at 2640 South Glenstone Avenue in the Brentwood Center. This combined social and fundraising venue, which is also an excellent opportunity to introduce new and prospective members to FOSAM, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th starting at 5:30 PM.

Work on the next Art and Romance of Chocolate event which will be held at the MSU Brick City Gallery on Sunday January 22nd is well underway. As of mid-December, nineteen local restaurants, bakeries, and candy shops have agreed to participate. FOSAM is also fortunate to have secured generous support from Guaranty Bank, State Farm - Mike Breeding Agency, Dr. and Mrs. "Bucky" Buckner, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Price, and Dr. and Mrs. John Steinberg. The event Co-Chairs, Sandy Buckner and Robin Coulter Crabb, are still looking for help in several areas including publicity, ticket sales, and venue set-up/tear down.

To let them know if you can help, send them an e-mail fosam_spfd@yahoo.com.

And finally, the process to select the April 2012 - March 2013 Board of Directors begins in January with the establishment of our Nominations Committee and the search for interested members who wish to have greater involvement in the organization. Watch out for update notices on our website. If you are one of those interested members, let us know. Take care and happy trails. - Allen St-Onge, President.



8 Lloyd Square (w/balcony), oil, 1999, by Helen Berggruen. Gift of Lawrence L. DiCarlo in honor Jerry A. Berger.



Blue Sands, watercolor, 1973, by Wilda Sundberg. Gift of Gary and Pam Cunningham.

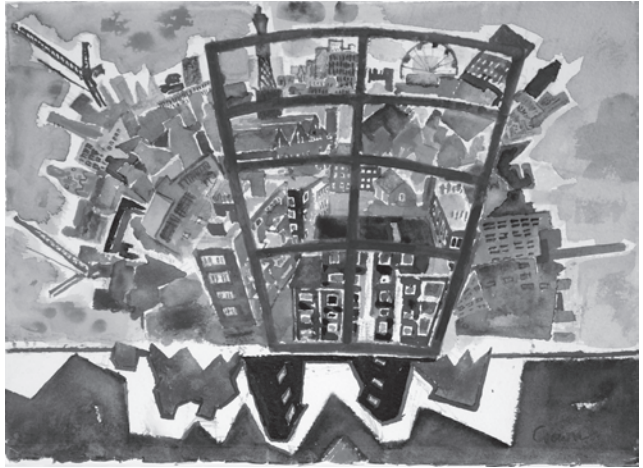
SMMA News

President's Letter Joan Menchetti



Here we are in 2012 already! It has been 85 years since a small group of women in an Art Study Club sponsored the first exhibition and purchased a painting with public contributions. A year later, in 1928, they incorporated as the Springfield Art Museum. Over the years, the Museum was moved around from the Public Library to the Wilhoit Building, to the City Hall. In 1947, the Museum and its properties were deeded to the City of Springfield and the corporation reorganized under the new name: Southwest Missouri Museum Associates. Amazing! We've come a long way since then! SMMA has been able to continue to contribute to the support of the Museum because of the dedication of our Art Groups, our Extension Groups and the Sustaining Life, Life, Supporting, Family and At Large Members. Our membership has been declining but we hope to be able to increase it in the future so we can continue our support.

We are sorry that the Contemporary Art Group has decided it is time to end their delightful



From the Window of the Nel Gwyn Hotel, Chelsea, London, watercolor, 2000, by Keith Allen Crown. Gift of Elizabeth Yarusz-Ash.

group. They have been together since 1948, and originally met at night so their husbands could baby sit with their new babies. When the children started school, they changed to noon meetings in their homes. We are very grateful to them for their years of service and many contributions to the Museum.

In November, the City Art Board requested a donation from SMMA to help pay for the consultant, George Neubert, to assist in the search for a new Art Museum Director. The SMMA Executive Board voted to spend \$300.00 from our miscellaneous budget for that purpose.

The Executive Board also voted to spend \$2000.00 for a lithograph to give to the Museum in honor of Jerry Berger. This was presented to the Board of Trustees in the November Board meeting and will be voted on this month. We will also need to have the lithograph professionally framed. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, we would appreciate it.

The Extension Luncheon will be at the Tower Club following the Board Meeting on March 28, 2012. Please try to come to show our support for the Extension groups.

The January Board Meeting is on Wednesday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. I hope to see you all there.



Campbell Soup #1 series, screenprint, 1969 by Andy Warhol. Gift of Ronald K., Robert C., and Larry H. Greenberg.

Museum Gift Gallery

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, visited or shopped the Gift Gallery this year. We thank you so much for your help and patronage!

Please resolve to visit the shop in 2012 very soon. We have NEW consignment artists we know you will enjoy. Don't forget to shop the back room for great sales on holiday and other merchandise up to 75% off.

Annual Past President's Luncheon

The Annual Past President's Luncheon was held on October 26 at Hickory Hills Country Club. The event was hosted by Beverly Young and Jeaninne Schroff. Also in attendance were Janet Ellison, Gloria Eskew, Carolyn Fay, Carol Gower, Samuel King, Betty Kinser, Cara Moist, Sharon Nahon and Suzanne Rohman. Self-introductions included a short history of what happened in SMMA when that person was president. A wonderful time was had by all!

And The Winner Is:

In case you are wondering who won the Florida Condo Contest, well wonder no more - our winner was Charlie Mitchell of Springfield MO. Congratulations Charlie!

Current Fundraisers

Pecans!

Schermer Pecans will be available for purchase in the SMMA Office and also in the Museum Gift Gallery. This is one of our most delicious fund-raisers and just in time for baking and gift-giving. Halves, Pieces, Chocolate-covered, Dark Chocolate-covered, Cinnamon-glazed or Caramel Clusters. All are only \$10.00 per bag.

Art Museum Playing Cards

are being sold in the Gift Gallery. These boxed cards have the beautiful print of the Springfield Art Museum Watercolor on the face. Single decks are \$8.00; Double Sets are \$15.00

Potted Geranium Gift Certificates

will be sold NOW in the SMMA office for \$35.00. Use the gift certificate for holiday giving, birthdays or for yourself. The pre-planted pots will be available in April. These beautiful potted plants, designed by Mike Schaffitzel will have 3 geranium, a tall spike, ferns and trailing plants ready for your porch or patio. What a great addition to our traditional Spring Geranium Sale!!

THANKYOU
to all our art groups for
participating in the
fundraisers!!

Speakers Donations:

Home Design:
Margaret Hindman
and Norene Rinker

Donations

Barbara Brown
Robert McKinnell

Extension Luncheon Date Set:

March 28, 2012 has been selected for the date for the Extension Luncheon. Make sure to come and support our Extension Groups!!

Congratulations To:

Mary Lou Legsadin, Visual Artists Art Group, for winning the "Excellence in Pastels" award with a pastel entitled "Evening Walk to the Lake" at the Thomas Hart Benton Art Competition at Crowder College in October, 2011.

SMMA Calendar:

Springfield Art Museum Opening. Multicultural Exhibition Reception: Friday, January 13, 2012, hosted by Friends of the Springfield Art Museum. 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2012; coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM SMMA!!!**

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Museum Calendar

January

- 1: Museum Closed.
- 9: **Prints USA closes.**
- 10: FOSAM Fundraiser and Social Gathering at WineStyles, 2640 S. Glenstone Avenue, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
- 12: SAM Board Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 13: **Multicultural Exhibition 2012** Reception hosted by the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
- 14: **Multicultural Exhibition opens.**
- 16: Martin Luther King Day (Museum Closed).
- 19: FOSAM Board meeting, 6:45-- 8:00 P.M., in the Conferene Room.
- 22: FOSAM 11th Annual Art and Romance of Chocolate Fundraising Event, MSU Brick City Gallery, 215 W. Mill St., 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
- 25: SMMA Board Meeting, coffee at 9:30, meeting @ 10:00 am - in conference room.

February

- 16: FOSAM Board Meeting 6:45 - 8:00 P.M., in the Conference Room.
- 22: SMMA Board Meeting, coffee at 9:30, meeting @ 10:00 am - in conference room.

If you are moving, please notify the Museum and/or SMMA of your new address. Bulk mailings, such as the Newsletter, cannot be forwarded or returned to the sender.